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## DEENER SECURES BOND.

Supreme Court Reduces Bond of R. S. Deener To \$4,000 Which He Executes.

Batesville, June 19.—Rev. R. S. Deener, who was brought back to Batesville three weeks ago by Sheriff Hinkle, executed a bond today in the sum of \$4,000, conditioned for his appearance at the next term of the circuit court of this county to answer six charges of forgery alleged to have been committed ten years ago, and was released from jail. Mr. Deener's arrest and return to answer these charges of ten years' standing created quite a sensation at the time throughout the state.

Mr. Deener, through his attorneys, Yancey, Reeder and Casey, applied to the supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus and for reduction of his bond to \$4,000. This order was made and the bond was promptly given. Mr. Deener has the sympathy of a very large portion of the people of Batesville and its vicinity, the scene of his alleged crimes. He leaves tomorrow to join his wife at Searcy, Ark.

## HIGH STILL LOW.

Robert High, the white man who was assaulted Monday night, is still alive, though there has been no change in his condition. He is thought to have come here from Nettleton, as papers were found on his person indicating as much.

As new facts come to light, there is little doubt but that he was the victim of an assault, the purpose of which was robbery. High purchased a bill of goods at Martin Bros' store on the evening he was assaulted, paying for same with a \$10 bill. Jay Sprigg waited upon him and noted that he carried his money in a pocket book. He left the goods, subject to his call, but never returned and when found near the Choctaw depot Tuesday morning, had neither money nor pocket book. The case needs investigation and should be probed to the bottom. Too many assaults and mysterious disappearances are happening about our city, that will if allowed to continue give our town an unenviable reputation.

## PURCHASE BLOOD HOUND.

"Robin Hood" an imported English blood hound with a long pedigree, arrived Thursday from Lexington, Ky., consigned to Sheriff R. W. Bandy, the purchaser.

The dog was bought from the kennels of Roger D. Williams and is a very intelligent, fine looking specimen of that breed, though a mere pup of six months.

## INQUEST AT DEATH.

Ed Minters, for many years a book-keeper for Wolff & Goldman, and a resident of Newport until about five years ago, died suddenly Monday night at Brinkley. Such is the news conveyed by a letter from J. G. May-er of that city.

The peculiar nature of his death called for an inquest and the finding of the jury was that the deceased died from a lacerated stomach caused by drinking. Minters did not bear a good reputation in Newport, having shot a man during his stay here.

## PROHIBITION LECTURE.

Rev. S. G. Millar, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Little Rock, delivered a lecture Thursday evening at the Methodist church in this city to a fair audience, embracing both advocates and opponents of the cause of "Prohibition." As the speaker came under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the nature of his remarks was well known in advance.

Rev. Mr. Millar, while he does not mince words in proclaiming his views, respects the opinion of others. There is a broad Christian charity in the exposition of his opinion, which seeks rather to win over by stable argument than to antagonize by abuse his hearers of a different belief. There is none of the rant nor bitterness of

prejudice in his talk, such as often characterizes agitators of social and political theories like the temperance cause.

The speaker reviewed the growth of prohibition sentiment in the South, convincing his audience that he is an optimist in regard to its ultimate supremacy. He related how by successive steps the liquor interests of the country had organized for their own protection and the promotion of their business interests.

Some form of government was indispensable to society and to the individual and the object of government was to best subserve the interests of all. The selling of liquor was only lawful by license and the supreme court of our land had held that neither the people's representatives nor the people themselves could legalize that which was pernicious and injurious to them. The decisions of several state supreme courts along this line were also read by Mr. Millar.

The Christian people he said were responsible for the existence of the saloon and to the qualified voters he appealed as the arbiters of this issue.

## WANTED IN LAWRENCE.

Charges appear to be piling up against Roger A. Suit, the former Arkansan, who is being held in Memphis on a charge of forgery. The Commercial Appeal says that on Thursday morning John L. Eady of Hardy, Ark., telegraphed Chief Richards that he had a warrant for Suit charging the same offense for which he was arrested in Memphis. Later in the day the mail brought two letters referring to Suit. One was from C. T. Burns, an attorney-at-law of Black Rock, Ark., and the other from B. A. Coffman, proprietor of the Penny store at Portia, Ark., in the same county. Mr. Burns says that he cashed a check for \$5 for Suit, drawn on the Jackson County Bank, at Newport, Arkansas, where Suit claimed he had about \$70 on deposit. Mr. Coffman cashed a check for \$10.

Suit is still in jail. He will be held by the Memphis authorities, as he is charged with forgery and attempting to pass forged papers, although he is wanted at several points in Arkansas.

## FURTHER REPORTS

### FOLLOW SUIT.

"Chief Richards of the police department" says the Memphis News, "has received a letter from C. W. White of the T. J. Sharum Mercantile Company of Walnut Ridge, Ark., concerning Roger A. Suit, the forger recently arrested in this city. The letter states that Suit beat the firm mentioned out of \$13.50 by the aid of a forged draft. White did not state the date on which the draft was cashed, nor the person or bank on which it was drawn.

"This is the seventh case that has been reported to the department since the arrest of Suit was effected.

"The grand jury yesterday returned two indictments against the alleged forger, one charging him with forging the name of M. Cavin & Co. to a check for \$10 and the other with attempting to pass the forged paper."

## TWO THIEVES CAPTURED.

Sheriff R. W. Bandy returned Saturday afternoon from near Swifton, where he arrested Slim Johnson and J. M. Andrews, who are charged with having broken into a car of freight in the Iron Mountain yards.

The stolen goods consisting of hams, shoes, matches, tobacco and overalls were found stored in the attic of a house on Alec Howard's farm.

## CONDITION GROWS CRITICAL.

Robert High, the victim of robbers, who crushed his skull to secure what money he had upon his person, will probably never recover to tell his story of the assault.

The poor fellow has either been out of his head or has been deaf ever since the assault was committed. After the operation, he rested well for several days, but Monday his fever was quite high and he rested very poorly.

## QUIET HOME WEDDING.

Mr. Thad Allen and Miss Elizabeth Grubbs Plight Their Troth Tuesday Morning At Residence Of W. W. McMinn—Leave For Trip To Hot Springs On Noon Train.

Mr. Thad Allen and Miss Elizabeth Grubbs, two popular young people of this city, were quietly married Tuesday morning at ten o'clock at the residence of Mr. W. W. McMinn. Only a few friends and relatives had been invited to be present and the event was in the nature of a surprise to Newport society.

But the rite was no less impressive and beautiful by reason of this and the ring service as performed by Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church, was indeed affecting and pretty. The room was decorated in carnations, red and white, with a huge bowl of cut geraniums upon the dining room table.

The bride was lovely in a handsome white organdie, trimmed in Valenciennes lace and insertion, wearing a bunch of sweet peas in her hair. The groom is a fine looking young man and wore the conventional black upon this occasion.

After the ceremony was said, the intervening time before No. 3 south-bound was due, was occupied in receiving the congratulations and good wishes of the friends gathered about. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames John Grubbs, W. W. McMinn, J. L. Sells, S. Bransch; Mr. J. W. Grubbs, Mesdames Wm. Snyder, Maude Marshall; Misses Mae Smith, Katharine Morrison, Minnie and Fannie Redman, Orbie and Ruth Arnold, Sallie May; Messrs. H. Bernstein and B. W. Stainback.

The bride and groom left on the noon train for Hot Springs, where they will spend a short honeymoon, but as No. 3 was not on time, they were compelled to submit to showers of rice and the other customs which have long been popular sequels of such meetings in Hymen's court. But their happiness and good humor could not be disturbed even by the practice of such jokes at the hands of friends.

Their return is expected about Sunday when they will be at home to their friends at the residence of Mr. J. H. McHugh on Hazel Street.

The bride is the daughter of a prominent and wealthy Jackson County family, whose happy temperament and cordial, easy grace of manner will contribute that to the home, which makes it a retreat from the world of business and strife, where love reigns untroubled by such cares.

The groom was formerly of Beebe, but has been clerking at the Hazel for several years. Those who know him best value his friendship and esteem him highly. He is an excellent young man, to whom, along with congratulations, we would extend the sincere good wishes of the INDEPENDENT.

May the united twain be ever richly blessed in the happiness and usefulness that shall fall to their lot in life and their love ever evidenced and made beautiful by acts of devotion to each other.

## TRIED FOR LARCENY.

The three white men, R. E. Johnson, Monroe Andrews and Sam Andrews, who were arrested Saturday afternoon by Sheriff R. W. Bandy, charged with breaking into and robbing freight cars in the Choctaw yards of this city, were on trial before Justice Martin Monday for burglary and larceny.

Another lot of stolen goods was found underneath a tressle north of town Sunday.

## BRIEF COUNCIL MEETING.

The council met in regular session Monday night with all members present except Mr. Wilms, but the session was a brief one.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with and the bills approved by the finance committee were allowed.

The bond of H. C. Huffman was approved and the mayor administered the oath of office, after which the council adjourned.

## WON BY CLOSE SCORE

Newport Athletic Association Defeats Tupelo Ball Team In A Fair Game Friday Afternoon.

The Newport Athletic Association was organized early in the summer for the purpose of getting together a base ball team. But so little interest was manifested that even practicing was never commenced, yet without this, Newport was successful in her first game played with Tupelo on the home grounds near the lake Friday afternoon.

A fair crowd was present, who were more than pleased with the showing made by these picked-up raw recruits and a second game will probably be arranged for next Friday. The features of the game were a home run by Wm. Bransch, excellent field work by Simmons and Dameron, McDonald's handling of several liners and Carter's good work on flies.

The line-up was as follows:

Tupelo	Newport
Dameron c	Roberts c
Jagers p	Hare p
Simmons 1b	Parrish 1b
Jones 2b	Burford 2b
Collier 3b	Carter 3b
Oliver ss	McDonald ss
Jones rf	Bransch rf
Patrick lf	Davidson lf
Starnes cf	Terry cf
Umpires Owen and Powell.	

Score by innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tupelo	1	2	2	1	0	1	5	2	16
Newport	1	1	0	9	3	2	1	1	0-18

## STATE NEWS NOTES.

About twenty hands began Monday morning making preparations for active work on the locks and dams above Batesville. During this season the dams at locks Nos. 1 and 2, and the lock at No. 3 will be completed. This will carry the work for the first thirty miles up the river. At this rate in a few years the locks will be completed to Buffalo.

Last Tuesday Deputy Pro Tem J. G. Haralson arrested Rev. L. Stewart at Fitzhugh and brought him to Augusta that evening, turning him over to James Hill for safe keeping. Rev. Stewart was at one time a Baptist preacher near McCrory, but now he is a fallen angel, being charged with the murder of another negro in Crittenden county. Stewart, known to quite a number of our citizens as "Old Seven Hundred," is an ex-farmer, ex-preacher and now an ex-detective. He claims that he was doing detective work at the time the negro was killed. The trouble seems to have been over some negro wench.—Augusta Free Press.

At a meeting of the state railway assessment board, Governor Davis presiding, it was voted to assess the railway, telegraph and express companies in the state for taxation on the same basis used last year, when the total assessment valuation was \$23,298,031. Of the total last year the Gould system lines in Arkansas were assessed \$11,349,354, the Cotton Belt \$4,127,132 and the Choctaw \$2,689,470. Increased mileage will increase this year's grand total of assessed valuation to about \$29,000,000. The totals have not yet been computed by the secretary of state. The rate of assessment per mile is: Cotton Belt, \$8,500; Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf, \$7,500; Kansas City Southern, \$7,500; Frisco, \$10,000; Iron Mountain (new line), \$14,000; Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis, \$10,000.

## BLACK ROCK BRIEFS.

Black Rock, Ark., June 22.—The Republican county central committee met here Saturday and indorsed J. J. Bryan for postmaster of this place, vice C. M. Lehman, resigned. Mr. Bryan's petition was signed by every business man in Black Rock.

A bonus of \$1,500 has been raised by the citizens to secure the Davenport pearl button factory employing 112 hands. Work will begin at once on the factory.

## PROBABLE LEGISLATION.

Representative John H. Keel Discusses Work of Next Legislature—New State Capitol Building Will Receive Attention Along With Anti-Trust Legislation.

Hon. John H. Keel of Newport, who has represented Jackson county in the lower branch of the legislature two terms and is the Democratic nominee for re-election, is in Little Rock. To a Gazette reporter Mr. Keel said he had decided not to be a candidate for speaker at the next session. When asked his views as to what matters will probably be uppermost in the next legislature, he said:

"In my opinion anti-trust legislation will be the most important subject before the general assembly. An effective anti-trust law will be enacted. Next, the location and erection of a new state capitol will demand attention. I think ample provision will be made for carrying the work to completion and that the site will be definitely fixed. In my judgment the present board of capital commissioners should go ahead and submit their plans and invite bids under the present law. The state is badly in need of a new state capitol and the people are demanding its erection. I believe it can be built under the provisions of the present law. I am told we have a fund of over \$200,000 now in the treasury for that purpose, and I see no reason why the commissioners should delay the matter longer.

"Increasing the power of the railroad commission will come third in importance, I think. The commission up to date has been of little value to the people because of limited power. The subject of a reform school will receive due attention. There will be many other matters of great importance before the legislature, but these, in my opinion, will be considered first."

## LIPPMANN NEWS.

The rain last week was fine on crops.

Miss Dora Lee is on the sick list this week.

Farmers are laying by their corn and will soon lay by their cotton.

Church services at Barry's Chapel last Saturday night were very interesting.

Mrs. Bert Eaton, who has been visiting relatives, Mrs. Lou Eaton, daughter Mae and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Biggers, started Monday morning for Bradford to visit her cousin Mrs. Fred Monroe.

As there has never been anything in the INDEPENDENT from here and "Three little chums" have been giving the news to the Herald I think "Swamp Angel" had better give the INDEPENDENT the news.

Well I will ring off, and if the Editor is willing I will come again soon.

SWAMP ANGEL.

## MACON SECURES NOMINATION.

Wynne, June 19.—The First district congressional convention completed its labors tonight by nominating Hon. R. B. Macon, of Helena, for congress on the 986th ballot.

The last ballot stood: Macon 44, Parrish 14, and Taylor 14; necessary to a choice 37. Messrs. Macon, Parrish and Taylor were sent for and were vociferously cheered as they came before the convention and were introduced. They made eloquent and patriotic speeches, each of the defeated candidates pledging his support to the nominee and to the party. Many ladies were in the hall.

Jonesboro, Ark., June 23.—Hon. W. W. Cate, who was chairman of the congressional convention at Wynne, certifies that the correct vote on the final ballot was as follows:

Macon—Lee 8, Woodruff 8, St. Francis 4, Poinsett 1, Crittenden 1, Craighead 3, Greene 3, Mississippi 6, Phillips 9, total 43.

Parrish—Craighead 6, Greene 4, Cross 5, total 15.

Taylor—Clay 8, Poinsett 3, Crittenden 3, total 14.